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sincerity and quiet dignity were such that no one ever thought of taking a liberty in his presence. My acquaintance with him began by means of the identity of the subjects of our scientific investigations, and we often met for an interchange of views. It was my good fortune to secure his confidence, and my privilege to call him my friend during more than forty years; and I never had an interview with him, or received a letter from him, that did not add to the sum of my life's enjoyments, to my stock of knowledge, and to my confidence in humanity. He was an ideal friend, an eminently useful citizen, a profound scholar, a most efficient teacher, and a devoted Christian minister. The memory of such a man is a blessing to the State.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION, SEPTEMBER 6, 1901.

MR. ABRAHAM SLIMMER of Waverly does not weary in well doing. His latest philanthropic proposal is for a free hospital for Bremer county. He proposes to give his home to the Sisters of Mercy, the same to be used exclusively for hospital purposes, and admission to be free to people of all races and religions. Here is a happy state of affairs; a Jew offers to give his money over to the care of a Catholic order who are to minister to the welfare of a community altogether Protestant.—*Des Moines Leader*, Sept. 7, 1901.

DEATH OF JAMES G. EDWARDS.—We are pained to hear of the death of that veteran editor and kind-hearted man, James G. Edwards, late of *The Burlington Hawk-Eye*. Mr. E. has been connected with the press of Iowa for thirteen years. In 1838 he established *The Hawk-Eye* in Burlington, where he continued its publication until a few weeks before his death. He was an upright, warm-hearted man; a bold and vigorous writer, and an estimable citizen. . . . —*Keosauqua American*, Aug. 9, 1851.

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